



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Protection of Structural Members		
Code Section(s)	§704, California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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- 1. In a Type V non-rated modular building, do the structural members that are encapsulated within an exterior wall requiring opening protection need to be protected independently of the wall rating?***

Yes. Footnote #1 of Table 6-A requires structural members to be separately protected. For further clarification, please refer to Section 704 of the Uniform Building Code Handbook published in May 1998.

- 2. In a Type V non-rated modular building, do the structural members that are encapsulated within an occupancy separation wall need to be protected independently of the wall rating?***

No. There is no specific requirement for independent protection of the structural members within an occupancy separation wall.